



HOW TO SUCCEED IN INST 6380

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Welcome to INST 6380 "Distance Learning K-12"

You will have a great time in this class if you set aside the appropriate time to read, try things out, complete the assignments, and do some exploring on your own. Here are a few tips for successfully completing this class.

When and Where:

The class is online (WebCT) and over EDNET. The class will meet each Wednesday evening at 5:15. You can check the EDNET Cme schedule for exact locations of each site. The Cme number for our class is #. Go to <http://cme.uen.org:8080/servlet/CmeServlet?type=criteria> and enter the Cme number under "Event ID" and then submit search.

Course Description:

This is an introductory course that explores the concept of distance education, the practice of providing educational opportunities to learners who are separated by distance and/or time from the point of instruction. The course will focus on distance education as it is applied in elementary and secondary schools. We will explore a variety of delivery options and technologies, examine current issues of teaching and learning at a distance in secondary and post-secondary education, and consider how classroom instruction can be integrated into distance learning.

The goals of the course are:

1. To provide students with the context for an understanding of the scope and nature of distance education in a variety of settings and locations,
2. To acquaint students with the underlying concepts, philosophy, and theory that is the foundations of distance learning.
3. To familiarize students with a range of technologies for distance learning and their application in K-12 environments.

4. To prepare students to:

- Evaluate and select distance learning programs and resources for use in their classrooms,
b. Integrate distance learning experiences into their own instruction,
c. Design distance learning experiences for their students, and...
d. Teach at a distance and to facilitate distance learning among their students.

Besides the EDNET events each Wednesday evening, you should log into the class (WebCT) at least twice a week to participate in the discussion forums, get the assignments, and complete the homework. There is an assigned textbook for the class and the readings for each lesson are posted on the WebCT and noted in the syllabus.

You will need access to a computer that can connect to the Internet. We recommend at least a 33.3 modem connection or higher. You can use a PC or Macintosh computer. You can use Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher, however; Mozilla with Java Script Enabled is best.

You should read the syllabus carefully so you understand the due dates and the types of assignments and other things that will affect your grade.
See you soon in class.

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